

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
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Friends,

At this week's Governor & Council meeting, we expanded our efforts to collect and publicly display NH health insurance and medical costs in an effort to aid consumer choice and spur additional private competition. The data will be displayed on a newly-renovated www.nhhealthcost.org later this year.

We also approved a number of regional issues and several with statewide impact:

IN CENTRAL NH: Weatherization aid via Belknap-Merrimack Community Action Program, doubled the lease size for the Bureau of Education & Training, new roofs for six buildings at Bear Brook State Park, accepted donation of 74 acres of undeveloped forest in Bradford, exotic plant control activities in local ponds, a new generator for the Hopkinton Emergency Shelter, and resurfacing nearly 100 miles of roads in Merrimack, Belknap, and Sullivan Counties.

IN MONADNOCK & WESTERN NH: Weatherization aid via Southwestern Community Services, exotic plant control activities in local ponds, resurfacing of nearly 30 miles of road in Cheshire, Hillsborough and Sullivan Counties.

IN STRAFFORD CO: Weatherization aid via Strafford County Community Action Program.

STATEWIDE: Expanded work to collect and display consumer and employer health insurance premium and medical costs, to be displayed on www.nhhealthcosts.org, and established a Statewide Automated Victim Information & Notification Program.

APPOINTMENTS: See below

The next meeting is on April 23. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to let me know via email at cvanostern@nh.gov or by calling me at (603) 290-5848.

Sincerely,

Colin
Executive Councilor, District 2

ADDITIONAL DETAIL ON ITEMS MENTIONED, BELOW.
(FOR [FULL DOCUMENTATION ON EACH, SEE THIS LINK](#))

1. DETAIL: CENTRAL NH

#13 Authorized to **retroactively** amend a **sole source** agreement with Community Action Program Belknap-Merrimack Counties Inc., Concord, NH, (originally approved by G&C on 10-2-13, item #12), for the federal Weatherization Assistance Program, by extending the end date from March 31, 2014 to September 30, 2014. No Additional Funding. **100% Federal Funds.**

#24 Authorized the Bureau of Education & Trainings' request for a **sole source amendment** to a lease agreement with Hodges Development Corporation, Concord, NH (originally approved by G&C on 6-5-13, item #17), by increasing the price by \$59,400 from \$89,100 to \$148,500 and will increase by 1,058 square feet of classroom and break/kitchen space to the training space from 1,130 square feet to 2,188 square feet. Effective April 15, 2014 or upon G&C approval, whichever is later, through June 30, 2018. **100% Revolving Funds.**

#53 Authorized the Division of Parks and Recreation to enter into a contract with Property Logistics Inc., Hollis, NH, for roofing replacements on six buildings at Bear Brook State Park, in the amount of \$66,700. Effective upon G&C approval through June 20, 2014. **100% Capital Funds.**

#56 Authorized the Division of Forests and Lands to accept the donation of approximately 74 acres of undeveloped forestland abutting Low State Forest in the Town of Bradford, from the Farrar and Brodeur families. **0% State Funds.**

#63 Authorized to enter into grant agreements with the entities as detailed in letter dated March 4, 2014, totaling \$38,469, to fund exotic aquatic plant control activities. Effective upon G&C approval through December 31, 2014. **100% Lake Restoration Funds.**

#73 Authorized the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management to enter into a grant agreement with the Town of Hopkinton to purchase and install a generator for the community's Highway Department/Emergency Shelter, for a total amount of \$24,168. Effective upon G&C approval through September 30, 2014. **100% Federal Funds.**

#85 Authorized the Bureau of Construction to enter into a contract with Pike Industries Inc., Belmont, NH, for resurfacing of approximately 32 miles in District III and in Belknap, Carroll and Merrimack Counties, on the basis of a low bid of \$1,997,970. Effective upon G&C approval through October 3, 2014. **100% Betterment Funds.**

#89 Authorized the Bureau of Construction to enter into a contract with Pike Industries Inc., Belmont, NH, for resurfacing of approximately 33 miles in District V and in Merrimack, Hillsborough and Rockingham Counties, on the basis of a low bid of \$2,386,890. Effective upon G&C approval through September 5, 2014. **100% Betterment Funds.**

#92 Authorized the Bureau of Construction to enter into a contract with Continental Paving Inc., Londonderry, NH, for resurfacing of approximately 41 miles in District II and in Belknap, Grafton, Merrimack and Sullivan Counties, on the basis of a low bid of \$2,101,225. Effective upon G&C approval through September 19, 2014. **100% Betterment Funds.**

2. DETAIL: MONADNOCK REGION

#14 Authorized to **retroactively** amend a **sole source** agreement with Southwestern Community Services Inc., Keene, NH (originally approved by G&C on 10-2-13, item #13), for

the federal Weatherization Assistance Program, by extending the end date from March 31, 2014 to September 30, 2014. No Additional Funding. **100 Federal Funds.**

#60 Authorized to enter into grant agreements with the entities as detailed in letter dated March 3, 2014, totaling \$59,928 to fund exotic aquatic plant control activities. Effective upon G&C approval through December 31, 2014. **100% Lake Restoration Funds.**

#88 Authorized the Bureau of Construction to enter into a contract with Pike Industries Inc., Belmont, NH, for resurfacing of approximately 30 miles in District IV and in Cheshire, Hillsborough and Sullivan Counties, on the basis of a low bid of \$2,413,327.50. Effective upon G&C approval through September 19, 2014. **100% Betterment Funds.**

3. DETAIL: STRAFFORD COUNTY

#15 Authorized to **retroactively** amend a **sole source** agreement with Community Action Partnership of Strafford County, Dover, NH, (originally approved by G&C on 10-2-13, item #15), for the federal Weatherization Assistance Program, by extending the end date from march 31, 2014 to September 30, 2014. No Additional Funding. **100% Federal Funds.**

4. STATEWIDE PROJECTS AND POLICIES

#42 Authorized to enter into a contract with Wowzilla LLC, Milwaukee, WI, for the provision of consulting services in connection with the Initiative to improve and expand the information available on the Department's HealthCost website, www.nhhealthcost.org for consumers and employers related to health insurance premiums and medical care costs in NH, in the amount of \$150,000. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2015. **100% Federal Funds.**

#66 Authorized the Division of State Police to accept and expend a grant from the NH Department of Justice for the purpose of establishing a Statewide Automated Victim Information and Notification Program, in the amount of \$955,095. (2) Further Authorized to establish class 046 consultant positions for the purpose of establishing a Statewide Automated Victim Information and Notification Program. Effective upon G&C approval through September 30, 2014. **100% Agency Income. Fiscal Committee approved.**

5. DETAIL: APPOINTMENTS AND NOMINATIONS

(* = District 2 Resident)

Aviation Users Advisory Board

Christopher Nevins, Hampton, NH

Community Development Finance Authority

Janet L. Ackerman, Frankestown, NH

Board of Hearing Care Providers

Mary Louise Bronzena, Portsmouth, NH

Nashua Police Commission

Carl Andrade, Nashua, NH

New Motor Vehicle Arbitration Board

George F. Dykstra, Chichester, NH

Telecommunications Planning and Development Advisory Committee

Ellen G. Scarponi, Canterbury, NH*

Waste Management Council

Rudy Bazelmans, Nashua, NH
Wetlands Site Selection Committee
Rick Van de Poll, Center Sandwich

Confirmed by the Council:

Board of Accountancy

Jeffrey P. Seifert, Bedford, NH

Advanced Manufacturing Education Advisory Council

Jacqueline E. Guillette, Claremont, NH

Ballot Law Commission

Dean B. Eggert, Bow, NH

Roger Wellington, Concord, NH*

Board of Chiropractic Examiners

Scott A. MacDonald, Goffstown, NH

Board of Court Reporters

Thomas H. Richards, Sunapee, NH

State Board of Fire Control

Steven C. Freitas, Salem, NH

New Hampshire Commission for Human Rights

Paul J. Phillips, Plymouth, NH

Invasive Species Committee

Jeffrey M. Taylor, Richmond, NH

Board of Medicine

Emily R. Baker, Hanover, NH

Penalty Appeal Board

Gayle E. Troy, Dunbarton, NH

Director of Personnel at the Department of Administrative Services

Sara J. Willingham, Concord, NH*

Personnel Appeals Board

David Goldstein, Dover, NH*

Physical Therapy Governing Board

Ronald Fuller, Manchester, NH

Board of Registration of Podiatrists

James H. Dolan, Stratham, NH